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OIL DRILLING

Any Florida offshore oil rush likely would not affect Atlantic

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The offshore drilling rigs that pepper the central Gulf of Mexico off Louisiana and Texas tap some of the nation's richest oil and natural gas reserves.

That proven and profitable productivity is why the energy industry has pushed for decades to open vast Gulf waters off Florida's West Coast to exploration and drilling.

But it's far less likely for rigs to rise off Miami Beach, Islamorada or anywhere else along Florida's heavily populated Atlantic coast — and that was the case even before the Trump administration last week pulled state waters "off the table" after a Tallahassee meeting that seemed intended to boost Gov. Rick Scott's rumored run for U.S. Senate.

There is one big reason why: money.

Even industry experts see little chance of making much of it

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SUPREME COURT

Don't tread on Fane Lozman



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Fane Lozman will appear before the U.S. Supreme Court next month in a case involving the Riviera Beach Commission.

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When Fane Lozman last took a blood feud with bureaucrats all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, Chief Justice John Roberts declared it 'my favorite case from the past term.' He won, and he's back.

Perpetual South Florida political gadfly Fane Lozman has an odd effect on people. When he appeared before the U.S. Supreme Court five years ago, the justices were so intrigued by his arguments that his houseboat was a house and not a boat that they ended up arguing about whether the poor wooden puppet-boy Pinocchio was really a boat while he was traveling the ocean after being strategically swallowed by a hungry whale. (Definitive ruling: No! Lozman won, too.) Chief Justice John Roberts later said Lozman's lawsuit was "my favorite case from the past term."

On the other hand, there's former Riviera Beach City Commissioner Elizabeth Wade, who when she was in office threatened "to put my foot so far up his behind that he would think my toe is his tonsil." (Though she added that she wasn't unreasonable about it: "I ain't going to pay nobody to kill him.")

Wade also called Lozman "agitating" and "aggravating," one of a host of words beginning with the letter A — including arrogant, antagonistic and another one that refers to the business end of the digestive system — that have been employed by various city officials around South Florida to describe him over the years.

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COURTS

He's called himself a prince for decades — but the royal treatment has ended in Miami

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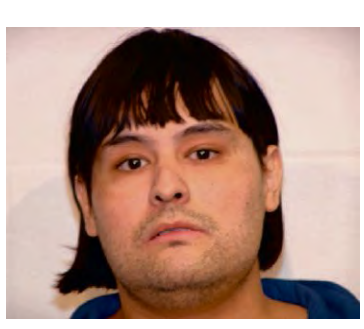
Anthony Gignac, who often calls himself Sultan Bin Khalid Al Saud, returned to Miami in 2017. A federal grand jury indictment alleges he pretended to be a Saudi royal and diplomat to defraud South Florida businesses out of money, properties and other valuables.

Anthony Gignac wore expensive suits, drove a 2016 Ferrari California with diplomatic plates, and boasted to anyone who would listen that he was a Saudi prince looking for big-time investment possibilities for his father, the king.

But behind that opulent life was a sham that Gignac, who was born in Colombia, had been perpetrating since the 1990s and across the United States — including Miami in 1993 and 1994, when he left behind huge debts in Bal Harbour, CocoWalk and Coral Gables.

Gignac, who often calls him-

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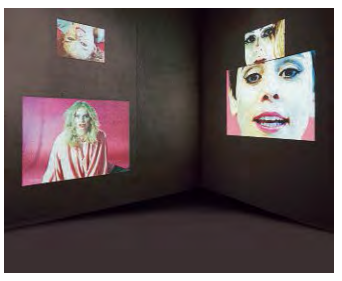
A pilot bike lane program in Coral Gables is getting mixed reaction from business owners wary of losing parking and residents wary of losing swales. Proponents say it's the only way forward. 3A



NATION

MISTAKEN ALERT ROCKS HAWAIIANS

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